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BOXES ARE WORTH SAVING.  
Many Uses to Which Old Pasteboards  
Can Be Put.

The provident woman keeps her pasteboard boxes. If she can find a shelf where they can be stored for future use. So many merchants deliver goods in boxes now, in place of the easily torn wrapping paper, that almost any size is always on hand. If broken, keep the best pieces; their use will be worth while noting. When baking cookies, clean sheets of pasteboard from such boxes are better to cool the thin hot cakes; when frying potatoes, try putting a round piece of pasteboard in the bottom of a pie-plate. In the mouth of the oven to absorb any remaining grease as the potatoes are skinned out and placed on the plate.

Cover some of the small boxes with dainty tinted or flowered paper, forming a hinge on one side, and keep to fill with some of your home-made candies or cakes for an invalid friend. Cover others in sets of four for your dressing table; they have the merit of costing almost nothing and of being easy to make. Send pictures of any sort placed between two sheets of pasteboard to prevent bending. Save the boxes.

CONCEALING ONION IN SALAD.

Indispensable Flavoring Should Never Be Too Pronounced.

Onion is indispensable to a good salad, but its presence should never be suspected. The best way to conceal it is to rub the sides of the dish with a section of an onion, and not to put any onion in the salad at all.

Another way is to use half a tea-spoonful of onion juice in the salad dressing. This is for the French dressing, of oil and vinegar, salt and pepper. The juice is obtained by grating the onion. It is well to set aside a small grater for this purpose, as the onion will cling to it. Grate the juice into a saucer and use no more than a half teaspoonful to a small salad.

Chives, chopped very fine and sprinkled in the salad, are an excellent substitute for onions.

USES FOR COLD FISH.

Appetizing Dish That May Be Prepared from Left-Over Materials.

The Sauce.—Boil a pint of milk in a double boiler. Draw in a sprig of parsley. Let boil ten or fifteen minutes so that the milk will be well flavored. Blend a table-spoonful of flour with a table-spoonful of butter. Add this to the milk. Remove the milk from the stove and stir into it the well-beaten yolks of two eggs. Salt and pepper to taste. The sauce should be of the thickness of cream.

The Fish.—Take two forks and break the fish apart. Spread a layer of fish in a baking or pudding dish and strain the sauce over it. On top sprinkle bread crumbs that have been rolled in melted butter. Put in hot oven for 15 or 20 minutes.

These directions must be very carefully followed.

How to Make Madras Curry.

Made from any scraps of veal or any cold meat.

One large onion, one large apple, one dessert-spoonful of prepared coconut, one dessert-spoonful of chutney, one dessert-spoonful of brown sugar, one dessert-spoonful of curry powder, one dessert-spoonful of vinegar, one table-spoonful of vinegar, one pinch of salt, the juice of half a lemon, three-quarters of a pint of new milk.

Fry the onion and apple in a little dripping until brown, then put it into a sauceman, add coconut, chutney, curry paste, curry powder, sugar, salt, and stir together; then add lemon juice and vinegar lastly the milk.

Let it simmer for one and a half hours, stirring often; about half an hour before serving add the cold meat cut into little blocks, and serve with boiled rice.

How to Remove Paint Spots.

Paint may be removed from clothing by the application of equal parts of ammonia and turpentine well shaken together. Apply carefully to the actual paint spot and let it penetrate for five or ten minutes; repeat two or three times and the paint will come off in flakes. In wash fabrics this treatment is very successful, even if the paint has been dried on for a long period.

Old Sheets.

Want sheets which can no longer be turned and darned will be found useful as a means of covering ironing-boards, old blankets also doing duty in this connection as padding. Long strips of old linen sheets may be set aside as bandages, tightly rolled up, fastened with a safety pin, and enclosed in blue dust-excluding paper until they may be required.

Brushes and Combs.

Soap and soda-soften the bristles of a brush and turn an ivory back-yellow, a table-spoonful of ammonia in a quart of warm water is sufficiently cleansing. Combs should not be washed if it can be avoided, as water is apt to split the teeth. They can be kept clean with a small brush which is sold for the purpose, and rubbed with a cloth or towel.

Pretty and Inexpensive Curtains.

Pretty and inexpensive curtains may be made from Indian linen. Use a tumbler for a pattern in scollipoint on the edges, marking around its edges with a pencil. Buttonhole the scallops and work a few rows of polka dots inside the buttonholes.

GOLD NUGGET A BEAUTY.  
Alaskan Mine Has Probably the Largest Ever Found.

It is not an uncommon thing to see men who have enough greenbacks to choke an elephant, but it's not often that one meets a man with a gold nugget large enough to make over a horse sick if he had to try to eat it without having it run through a quartz mill. There is a man in Los Angeles, California, who has the nugget, and he is the Klondike king. Clarence Berry, who has come from Alaska on a visit to his brother. The nugget might be likened to a man's hand with the palm turned upward; for it is over six inches long, almost four inches wide, is an inch thick at the thickest part and "weighs" \$1,510.

There are few men who can dig such chunks of gold out of their own mines, but Clarence Berry is one of these lucky miners. He is one of the pioneers of the gold mines of Alaska, and having been one of the first men to get to the various rich diggings, his energy, and perseverance have been rewarded with a large amount of gold. How much no one knows but he, and he won't tell.

WHAT SHE WOULD SAY.

Young Teacher Evidently Had Her Opinion of the Principal.

Judge Lawrence Evidently Appreciated His Own Importance.

A certain young teacher in one of the schools in Springfield, Mass., was recently more or less annoyed by the attentions of one of the masculine sex who holds the position of principal in the same school. There was to this young woman's room a pupil who was very dull and stupid.

One day the glib principal was asked by the admiral one to give his permission to have the child removed to some other room, thinking possibly he might be interested by the chance.

The suggestion did not meet with the principal's immediate favor, and he remonstrated.

"Suppose," said he, "you and I were married and we had a child that was not over kind to us, and we sent him to school. Suppose the teacher refused to have him in her room, saying he was too stupid and dull to learn, what would you say?"

"I should say he took after his father," was the quick retort.

And he didn't take back his money.

Overtaken by Retribution.

William H. Berry, state treasurer of Pennsylvania, was talking in Harrisburg about rents.

Grafters seem to thrive at best, and the most notorious ones are in the east. It is like the newsboys and the bad half-dollar.

Two now have had a bad half-dollar and after discussing for some time the best way to get rid of it they decided to try to pass it off on a theater.

"So they took their places on a cold night in the long line before the galerry door of a popular theater and the first one held the bad coin in his hand.

It was their idea that in the hurry and confusion the ticket seller wouldn't take time to examine the money he'd given to him.

"And they were right. When the first boy reached the box office the man accepted the half-dollar without question and in return handed out a ticket and a quarter change.

The second boy, grinning with joy, then handed forth a dollar for his own ticket. He got the bad half-dollar and a good quarter in change.

Art of Nature.

She had just turned from the blackboard, where for five minutes she had been demonstrating a "sun", which to her very stupid pupils seemed difficult.

"Now, children, are you perfectly sure that you understand?"

There was a murmur of assent.

"Do any of you wish to ask a question?"

In the back of the room a small hand was raised aloft. The teacher, looking into the earnestly eager face, felt that glow of satisfaction which we all experience in assisting a budding intellect.

"What is it, Annie? What do you wish to know?"

"Miss M—, are your teeth false?"

"My dear Sir John," the principal replied.

"I have always supported you when you were right."

Twain and the Office Boy.

In his early days Mark Twain used to take his "copy" round personally to various editors, which gave him a rather good story of him told recently.

Mark Twain.

"What's your business?"

The pertinent question irritated Mark, but he only smiled sweetly, and said:

"Tell the editor I wish to ask his hand in holy matrimony." Black and White.

The Teacher Declined.

A first-year pupil was absent from school one day last week. The next day she appeared at school and handed the teacher a note explaining her absence, written by her mother. The following is the explanation:

"My Dear Miss C—Please excuse Helen for absence, as she fell on the sidewalk and hurt the side of her hip, and by doing this she will greatly oblige.

—Lippincott's.

Mr. S—

FORTUNES IN SABLE SKINS.  
With Skins at \$450 Each—Prices Soar  
Into Thousands.

The two most expensive Sable coats in the world are worn by the empress of Russia and Queen Maud of Norway.

The empress' coat is made from pure sables, the best which could be obtained in Europe, and is valued by an expert in furs at something between \$250,000 and \$400,000, while that which Queen Maud wears would be worth nearly half as much.

The manager of a London firm said that within the last two years the price of sable had increased by 15 per cent, and was still going up.

"The price is practically prohibitive," he said, "and we have to find a substitute in top Russian sable, smart sets of which cost as much as \$1,000, if the same were made in America.

"There is as much gambling in sables as there is on the stock exchange. The furriers have all sold out, and the demand is still great.

People are now beginning to pass

sables down as heirlooms—and valuable they are, too, at \$150 a skin."

HOUSE PLANTS IN WINTER.

Few Little Hints That Are Well Worth Remembering.

Window plants should be turned around once a week so that the sun will strike them on all sides.

If you are going to keep geraniums in the windows, be careful to select only the best varieties.

Air, light, warmth and a moderate supply of water are the essential things that winter plants require.

All winter plants require plenty of sunshine. Windows in which they are kept should never be darkened.

Several bulbs planted in the same spot will make a much better showing of color than if planted separately.

Don't forget to have some foliage.

Ferns make excellent winter plants.

They require a light, spongy soil.

Bird beds should be well-covered with litter from the barnyard. Ten inches or a foot of such refuse is not too much.

Half a dozen tubers of the buttercup oxalis planted in a pot will bloom all winter producing hundreds of beautiful yellow flowers.

If you'll make a small cake of hand

soap and add five quarts of water, an excellent infusion for exterminating the gnats can be made.

Gladoli and dahlias should not be left out of doors. They should either be stored in the shed and covered with blankets or placed in the cellar.

DECORATIONS FOR THE TABLE.

Contrasting Shades Necessary for Most Perfect Effects.

Never at any time choose a luncheon-table with entirely white decorations.

If you choose white carnations

and Roman hyacinths and ferns or graceful drooping white lilies, at least

have pink roses at each place, and pink candle shades and bouquets and ices on fancy tables.

If violets are used, or pansies, or purple iris, tie

them with just the right shade of

light blue for decoration; the blending of violet and blue is very charming when well done.

In the south, wherever the large violets grow well, a violet luncheon can be given, with whole clumps of violets transferred to large deep dishes and platters, and bunches of cut violets tied with ribbons for every guest. At one large

table a luncheon was wreathed with a border of violets. Of course, violets look best by daylight and not by artificial light which makes them appear so dark.

Old-Fashioned Molasses Candy.

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Thinner the amount of molasses to be

used in the quantity of molasses re

quired, and boil about half an hour

over rather slow fire, stirring all the

time and taking off the kettle if there

is any danger of contents running

over, and be careful not to let the

candy burn. When a little dropped

into cold water becomes hard and brittle

boiled long enough for this to occur

after trying) add a teaspoonful of

common baking soda from lumps

to every two quarts of the boiled molasses, stir quickly to mix and pour on

platter covered with butter to cool

When sufficiently cool pull back and forth (greasing the hands beforehand with butter) until the candy is a yellowish brown color, add flavoring if

wished.

Balls for Extracting Grease.

Dry cloth balls for extracting grease

may be made by taking half a pound

of dry Fuller's earth and moistening it

with a little lemon juice. Then add

half an ounce of finely pulverized

peach-peach and work into a thick paste

Roll into small balls and set them in

the sun or a little distance from the

fire to dry. In a few hours they will





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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 10.

The Governor recommends the establishment of a binder twine factory in the state prison, as least of all likely to come in competition with free labor in the state. It is certainly imperative that some work be found for convicts, in justice to the state as well as the convicts themselves.

The President knows, as a majority of the members of Congress know, and as the commercial and industrial interests of the country know, that to inaugurate a crusade of Tariff ripping at the present time would be one of the most stupid blunders which it could be possible for a nation to commit. —Des Moines Capital.

M. W. Cookson, postoffice inspector for the upper peninsula of Michigan, has had a great deal of trouble lately with violators of the postal regulations says the Mining Journal. He has eight cases now in hand in which fines of \$20 must be paid for the act of sending correspondence through the mail, when the package only had third or fourth class postage thereon.

Desertions from the army and navy have become so numerous as to give the government much concern. There is but one way to stop it. Increase the pay of enlisted men, improve the character of their food and improve their conditions. So long as caste distinctions prevail, and contractors are permitted to furnish rotten food for the men and they are inadequately paid, it can not be expected they will refrain from deserting. The conditions all favor it. Bay City Tribune.

The forthcoming report of State Labor Commissioner McLeod, will show that more than twenty-five thousand more persons were employed in Michigan factories during the year just closed than ever before, and that the daily average wages of Michigan's entire army of working people was greater per day than ever before. There are few states in the entire union in which the men and women who work for daily and weekly and monthly wages are more fortunate in their relations with their employers or more favored through conditions and remuneration than are the men and women of Michigan.

"Few persons realize," said Henry Carr, manager of the Saginaw Milling Co., "that Michigan raises more beans than all the other states of the Union combined. The central portion of this state has a vast and steadily increasing bean acreage. The crop averages about twenty bushels per acre, and this year the grower has netted \$14 a bushel. The principal bean grown here is the white navy bean, although the red kidney variety is being grown extensively. These are the two great market beans here. The great bean markets of Michigan are Saginaw, Jackson and Lansing. It is interesting to know that Cuba is one of our largest patrons in beans. Our company has shipped sixty carloads of beans to Cuba during the past year, and our trade with that market promises to show a larger increase for 1907. Farmers who have tried beans find them a profitable crop, and the acreage is being increased each year."

While people and newspapers are crowing over the fact that the railroads have been brought to time by the Hepburn rate bill and other restrictions no tears being shed by railway officials, and there is foundation for the suspicion that railway officials themselves are at the bottom of the legislation referred to. Certain it is that instead of being injured the railroads are the beneficiary in the Hepburn rate bill to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars annually. They get rid of the rebate business, which they really were averse to but were compelled to engage in by competition and which they could not stamp out individually, and the abolition of the pass system will be a big revenue getting for the roads. Indeed, the government itself is hit hard in this direction, and there isn't a doubt but it will be compelled to pay several million dollars for transportation which it has heretofore enjoyed without charge. Under the law all government officers and employees must pay full fair and increased appropriations will be required to meet this added expense. An appropriation has already been asked of \$60,000 to cover cost of transportation for inspectors of the bureau of animal industry engaged in contagious disease work who have heretofore traveled free. Every employee or official of the government who travels in the government service will not be expected to pay his own fare but Uncle Sam will have to foot the bill. In the past army and navy officers have been granted special rates but this is now ended and there is agitation already for increased pay for those officials to make up the difference, special rates having been abolished. Thus the railroads will be greatly benefited.

## 30,000,000 STARVING TO DEATH.

Fearful Situation in Famine-Swept Provinces of Russia is Aggravated by Epidemic of Deadly Disease

The latest news from Russia indicates that from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 people are starving to death.

Aggravating the famine, is a fearful epidemic.

Deadly typhus is raging in the stricken provinces.

Those who have not died of want and exposure are being killed by disease.

Thousands upon thousands have been seized with the plague. The death list numbers thousands a day.

Conditions in the province of Samara are worse than anywhere else.

In this province, an authoritative

estimate now places the dying at 3,000,000.

In the province of Kahan and in Simbirsk and Ufa, it is hardly much better.

The winter crops are a failure in more than half a dozen provinces.

Thus all hope of ameliorating the condition of the families is at an end, so far as the people themselves are concerned.

The failure of the summer crops precipitated the famine.

Now the whole of eastern and south-eastern Russia is practically denuded of food. The people are eating "famine bread". This is a combination of chopped straw and other things.

The "famine bread" can hardly support life.

The peasants have grown desperate.

Bloodshed and pillage threatened all the eastern provinces. The people, driven to the last level of desperation, clamor for work. If relief is not forthcoming the peasants will sack the towns and villages.

To make matters worse, if that is possible, all kinds of graft is connected with what government relief is being provided.

The "famine bread" is adulterated by those getting the contracts.

The worst scandal in Russia promises to burst forth as a result of the measures of famine relief.

Matters have come to such a pass that the government reluctantly has consented to an investigation.

The most heartrending appeals are being made in the people of western Russia by those who have been thru the famine-stricken district. It is declared that every \$5 will save a life.

While 25 cents will keep a child alive for a fortnight.

## Cuban Protectorate in Sight.

News reports from Cuba within the last few days have been full of interest, the most significant of which is to the effect that there is a widespread

movement among the substantial property classes of the island to bring about the establishment of a protectorate by the United States. Two hundred native Cubans, all wealthy men living in Remedios, the richest district in Cuba, have signed a petition having this end in view, and another from Cuban refugees containing the names of several hundred leading plantation owners. The agitation in favor of such a termination of the difficulties into which Cuba has been plunged is growing rapidly, and must be ascribed to the progress, evidently unsatisfactory, that is being made towards the restoration of a stable government, that had unsettled the country and threatened to plunge it into civil war.

The Moderates were in power and the Chicago syndicate would make a handsome profit.

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## Our Amazing Prosperity.

The fiscal year 1906, as shown in the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, brought into the treasury of the United States the largest customs receipts in the history of the government. From the payment made by foreign postmen for the privilege of entering the American market with their competitive wares there was realized the unprecedented sum of \$300,251,877.

During the same period American industry produced marketed fully \$15,000,000,000 worth of the products of American labor.

Imports of more than a billion and a quarter dollars were easily absorbed by a nation grown fat with Protection prosperity.

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toms receipts of more than \$300,000,000 a year, and instead of bond issues to meet deficits, the Treasury has a comfortable working surplus of \$78,000,000.

Is not this a condition to be glad of? Is it not a condition to be let alone? Is it a condition calling for Tariff reduction?

If we reduce the Tariff we shall reduce the revenues; that is provided the imports remain at the present volume of \$1,276,000,000.

But if, through the reduction of Tariff duties the revenues remain unimpaired, or shall even be increased, we shall have to import much more than \$1,276,000,000, much more than some \$650,000,000 of dutiable and competitive articles.

For every 10 per cent. of Tariff reduction we should have to import 20 per cent more of competitive articles. We are informed 99 signatures were obtained from here. Hurrah for penny postage.

## Rifle Practice.

William E. Metzger, vice-president of the Detroit Rifle and Revolver club, has offered a handsome silver cup to be competed for by teams of ten men each from local organizations using the United States army magazine rifle. The trophy to be known as the William E. Metzger challenge cup.

The organizations eligible to enter teams in the competition are the Detroit Rifle and Revolver club, both of which are associated with the National association, the First battalion, First Infantry, M. N. G. (Detroit Light Infantry), the Second battalion, First Infantry (Detroit Light Guard), and the Naval Brigade.

When the matches are held indoors, the terms of the competition call for five shots per man in each of the three positions, standing, kneeling or sitting and prone. The regular military gallery targets will be used. When firing on out-door ranges, competitors will have live shots each at 200, 300 and 500 yards.

The Detroit and Wolverine clubs inaugurated the competition with a match at Dingfelder's gallery, 48 Monroe avenue, on New Year's day. Members of the committee in charge of the competition include the secretaries of the two civilian rifle clubs, and one officer from each of the military organizations eligible to compete.

The challenge was exhibited in Wright, Kay & Co.'s window on New Year's day. It is expected that Mr. Metzger's action in donating so handsome a prize will do much to arouse the increasing interest in military rifle shooting in Detroit.

From Lieut. M. J. Phillips.

Soc'y. Com. on Publicity  
Michigan State Rifle Ass'n,  
Owosso, Mich.

## High Cost of Carrying the Mails.

If the figures given out by the American Weekly Publishers' Association are correct, Uncle Sam is "easy" and is in much need of a freight bureau or traffic agent.

The government, according to these figures, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, paid the railroads \$32,000,000 more for carrying its mail matter than the express companies paid for an equal tonnage.

That is to say:

The average rate for mailing one hundred pounds of mail between New York and forty-nine important commercial centers is \$80. The average rate paid to the railroads by the express companies for a similar service is \$24.85.

These figures alone explain the deficit in the postoffice department.

And it is easy to understand how a Chicago company of capitalists could make the offer to take over the department and run it without cost to the government, by putting the postal department on a business basis the Chicago syndicate would make a handsome profit.

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The close of the year has been almost spectacular in the raise it has brought in wages. The Pennsylvania railroad started the movement with the announcement of 10 per cent. more for its 18,000 employees receiving less than \$200 a month each. Other roads followed and it is estimated that railroad employees will receive over \$100,000,000 more than they did last year.

The United States Steel corporation adds 10 cents a day to the wages of its general laborers. The Illinois Steel company will divide \$50,000 in increased wages among its employees.

The employees of the Standard Oil Company will get 5 to 10 per cent.

The express companies have

decided increases in their em-

ployees wages. The increased wage

movement seems to be general along

all lines due to the prosperous condi-

tion of the country.

## Cured of Lung Trouble.

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## Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 10.

### Local and Neighborhood News.

#### Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A 'X' following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

#### READER!

Please look at the date after the address on this paper, and see if it is followed by a 'X'. If so, your subscription is due, unless I have made a mistake in my book keeping. If I have, please notify me at once. If I am right, send me your dollar. It will not be much to you, but 200 of them will be a lot to me and will make my creditors happy. Do not put it off, but do it now.

**China Ware at cost for the next 10 days at S. H. & Co.**

See notice for annual tax sale in our supplement with this issue.

Go to C. J. Hathaway for scientific optical work. Eyes examined free.

M. Hanson made a flying business trip to Saginaw the last of the week.

Highest market price paid for hides.

—P.M. HICOS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nels Larson, Jan. 3rd, a son.

Take advantage of Sorenson's New Year resolution.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. May died Sunday morning.

25 lbs. pails of International Stock Food \$3.00 at Fournier's Drug Store.

Fine watch repairing done at Hathaway's.

A. B. Michelson started for Monroe, La., yesterday in the lumber interests of the Co.

Cold Breakers will cure your cold try it. For sale at Fournier's Drug Store.

Judge Sharpe of West Branch was in the Village Friday, and a welcome caller at our sanctum.

**China Ware at cost for the next 10 days at S. H. & Co.**

Lars Nelson's little girl, fell on the ice last week and fractured her collar bone.

Look up our subscription offers, and arrange for your next year's reading, at once.

The bursting of a steam pipe in the school room Tuesday, gave a lot of fun to the kids a holiday.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price, call at the AVALANCHE office.

**China Ware at cost for the next 10 days at S. H. & Co.**

Go to the School building Jan. 16-19 and help raise a fund for decoration of the school rooms.

Fresh fish from the Ocean will arrive here Thursday afternoon.

H. PETERSEN.

Fifteen cents, (10 for the kids) shows you 200 famous paintings at the High School building Jan. 16-19.

Four teams wanted to haul logs by the day or by the thousand. A good winter's job. Good roads and good grub and good pay.

ISADORE YALLAD.

Everybody come and see the Turner Art Exhibit at the High School building, Jan. 16-19. It only costs 10 or 15 cents according to age.

To our advance paid subscribers we will send the New York Tribune Farmer for 50 cents. Regular price \$1.00 and worth five to any progressive farmer.

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Look over the list of lands for sale for delinquent taxes furnished in this issue, and be sure that none of your lands are included. They can be paid before sale and save trouble.

Methodist Protestant Church, Grayling, Mich. (south side) Pastor R. H. Cunningham. Services as follows: Preaching 10 a. m. and 7 p. m., Sabbath School, 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the above services.

Ladies whose husbands subscribe for the AVALANCHE can get the New IDEAL MAGAZINE for 40 cents a year. It is the leader, for the work in the home, in fashion and style, and full instruction.

We are in receipt of a copy of the Ledger, aport, Ind. Journal, announcing the death of Mrs. John C. Hanson who was a resident here for over fifteen years, while her husband was foreman of the AVALANCHE office, at the hospital in Lafayette, Ind. the 1st inst. She was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Thursday. Mrs. Hanson will be well remembered here as an earnest worker in the M. E. church, and with the W. R. C., until she became almost helpless from rheumatism.

**WANTED**—16 inch dry stove wood in car lots. Write price and kind of wood. LANSING FUEL CO., Lansing, Mich.

Jan 10-2w.

At our next regular meeting Jan. 12th, Mr. Chalker will install the officers of the W. R. C. for the ensuing year. A general attendance is desired.

Messrs. Hanson, Michelson and Olson returned from their trip to Louisiana last week and report a most enjoyable respite from the cold weather here.

Mrs. Paul Lovley and her daughter, May, have returned to their home in New Toledo. They have been spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. Louis La Motte.

Installation of officers, Marvin Post, No. 240 G. A. R., next Saturday evening. All comrades expected.

DELEAN SMITH, Commander.

Messrs. Hanson and Michelson are fitting up an office over the Company office, which is modern in every appointment and artistically furnished. It would do honor to any city.

H. P. Olson, Village Clerk reports that 55 births placed on file at his office during 1906, of which 21 were male and 34 female. Whole number of deaths reported are 21.

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### Famous Turner Art Exhibit.

Commencing January 16 and continuing three days. There will be held at the High School an exhibition of pictures suitable for school room and home decoration. It is one of the finest gathered in this country. Pictures are finely mounted and hung and give an excellent opportunity to view works of art in our town.

#### Press Comments.

"There is history, poetry, nature, religion, and all that is lovely in life represented by the masters of old and modern times. All pictures of suffering have been excluded, even though it meant the rejection of Rubens' masterpiece, the 'Descent from the Cross.' Detroit Journal.

The exhibition of art photographs which opened in City Hall the morning represents the finest thing in this line which has ever visited Springfield.

During the week about 25,000 citizens and school children have been in attendance at the exhibition of pictures.

The entire fund received through the sale of tickets comes back into the schools in the purchase of pictures, and the philanthropic citizens could not better perpetuate their good will and interest in the education of the children than by helping this movement in school room decoration, which is engaging the attention of many earnest people in other cities. Detroit Free Press.

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## CONNINE & CO.

## A New Year's Resolution

Resolved, that we shall continue selling

## 25c worth of Perfume for 10 Cents.

## Sorenson's Furniture Store.

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## With Many Thanks

for past favors, and hoping for a continuance of your future patronage.

We wish you, one and all, a Happy and successful

## NEW YEAR.

Bring us your Family Receipts.

Prescription Work a Specialty

J. A. MORRISON, Manager.

## Candy.

## Cigars

## Proceedings of the Common Council.

## The Grange.

[OFFICIAL.]

Grayling, Jan. 7, 1907.

Regular meeting of the Common Council convened at the Court House.

John Sherman, the installing officer, accomplished the work in a

very satisfactory manner. Owing to the election and installation there was no program for the lecture hour.

Bro. Henry Funk, of North Branch, gave in a very interesting talk on our schools and the distribution of the

primary money which set the ball in motion and a lively discussion followed, which promised to be prolonged

indefinitely, had it not been made

a special subject for the next meeting.

The Lecturer announced that this

will be followed by the good road

question and all who are interested

in any subject, whether members or

not, are invited to attend and take

part, as all lecture hours are open to

all from 1:30 p. m. The secretary re-

ported 80 members in good standing

at the beginning of the year, over 50

# The Avalanche

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

## TAKE AWAY FENCES.

INCLOSURES OF PUBLIC LANDS  
MUST BE REMOVED.

President Directs Rigid Enforcement  
of Law of 1888 After April 1  
Two-round Surgeon Caught in  
Lake Michigan.

By direction of the President, Secretary Hitchcock has issued an order to Commissioner Richards of the general land office at once to notify all special agents, and receivers and registrars of local land offices that the act of Feb. 25, 1885, for the summary destruction of illegal inclosures and obstructions existing on public lands will be rigidly enforced after April 1, 1907. This order means that all fences inclosing public lands in violation of law must be removed before April 1. If they are not taken down by that time the committee to examine representations of the government. In his letter to Secretary Hitchcock, the President says he believes the law should be modified so as to allow the lease to temporary inclosure of public lands for grazing purposes, and expresses the hope that the Senate and Representatives interested will realize that the order means that such modification must be made at the present session.

MECH. FISH HAS MUCH TONGS.

Owner Recovers Property from Stur-  
geon in Lake Michigan.

A sturgeon weighing 500 pounds was caught on the Lake Michigan shore at Hammond, Ind., by Patrick Kildon and three fishermen. It is the largest sturgeon ever caught in Lake Michigan, according to fishermen. Incensed in its gills were a pair of tongs that are identified by Ed Much, a veteran fisherman as his property. Much while fishing over two years ago three miles out with his three sons captured a monster sturgeon and tried to land it with a pair of tongs. The fish upset the boat and for four hours the men hung on to its bottom until rescued by the South Chicago life-saving crew.

DAM FOR LAKE ERIE TALKED.

Raising Level Considered by Inter-  
national Waterways Commission.  
Having disposed of the Chicago drainage canal question and the international boundary line on Lake Erie, the international waterways commission will next take up the question of damming the lower end of Lake Erie so as to raise the level of the lake. While no definite plan has been submitted to the commission, the general scheme in view is to build a great dam or regulating works at the lower end of Lake Erie or somewhere in the Niagara river.

**Confessor to Train Robbery.**  
Perry Martin of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested in Huntington, W. Va., by Chief of Police Dawson charged with being one of the bandits who recently held up a

Sciond Air Line train eighty miles south of Richmond. Martin an hour after his arrest confessed his guilt. He delivered to the officer a \$500 diamond ring which had been taken from one of the passengers.

**Bomb Wrecked by Bomb.**

A bomb buried in the Fourth Street National bank, the leading financial institution of Philadelphia, by a man supposed to be Robert Steele, formerly of Chicago, completely wrecked the interior of the building, blew the thrower to atoms, killed the cashier, maimed eleven other persons; two probably fatally, and caused a panic in the vicinity.

**Seven Years for Attempted Arson.**  
Seven years in State's prison and a fine of \$2,000 and costs was the sentence imposed by Judge Kislis in Trenton, N. J., on David H. Brand, one of the two men convicted of aiding and abetting in the attempt to burn the store occupied by them. The costs, it is estimated, will amount to \$2,000.

**Clothespin Inventor Dead.**  
Runcorn Withers, who died the other day at Northampton, Mass., aged 75 years, was the inventor of clothespins. At 18 he engaged in the basket business and he invented many contrivances, including what was claimed to be the first bicycle clothespins and a hammockette chair.

**Three Die in Hotel Fire.**

William Winter, aged 50, his wife and John O'Connor were suffocated in a fire which destroyed the American hotel in Delhi, N. Y. The other guests escaped by leaping from the windows in their night clothing.

**Negro Guilty of Murder.**  
Henry White, colored, was found guilty in Lebanon, Ohio, of murdering Marshal George Basore of Franklin Oct. 30 and was sentenced to be electrocuted May 29.

**Injured by a Bomb.**

Three persons were injured by a bomb hurled from a New York elevated station at a fruit dealer who had been active in prosecuting women.

**Boat Sinks; Thirteen Die.**

During a storm the Greek sailing boat Ursula went on the rocks near Ancona, Italy, and was wrecked. Thirteen of the members of the crew were drowned.

**Expression Is Against Bailey.**

Senator Bailey was defeated by 100 votes in special Democratic primary held in Travis county, Texas, to secure an expression as to his re-election.

**Gas Company Short \$200,000.**

A shortage of \$200,000 is said to exist in the accounts of the Dayton Gas Light and Coke Company, W. J. Munster, expert accountant of Cincinnati, the man credited with disclosing the alleged defalcation, which may possibly reach double these figures. It is alleged that the money was used for political purposes.

**Bank President's Wounds Fatal.**

Arthur F. Davis, Mayor of Fayette, Mo., and president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of that city, who accidentally shot himself while looking for burglars in his residence, died of the wound.

**Pacific Mail Steamer Wrecked.**

A dispatch from Pescadero says that the Pacific Mail steamship City of Panama, which left San Francisco on Dec. 31 for South America, has been wrecked near Pescadero. The ship had a passenger list of seventy and a crew of thirty or more.

## FIRE CAUSES GREAT HAVOC.

Many Persons Hurt or Made Homeless and Fifty Horses Perish.

Twelve persons were injured, forty families were made homeless, 2,000 people were driven from their homes, fifty horses were roasted to death and property valued at \$200,000 was destroyed. Wednesday in the worst early morning fire New York has experienced in many months. A large tenement house at 427 West Fifty-third street and a large boarding stable at 429-431 West Fifty-third street were destroyed. Seven tenement houses at 426-434 West Fifty-fourth street were damaged. One of the worst features of the fire was the tremendous crowd which gathered in the streets around the burning district, causing disorder and lawlessness. So great was the jam that the police had difficulty in preserving order, and for a time thieves had a free hand in looting the burned buildings. Two policemen who detected six young men acting suspiciously in a house chased the men over the roofs down to Tenth avenue, firing several shots at them without effect. Another exciting incident occurred when a woman among the spectators screamed that three negroes had tried to rob her.

One negro was seen running away, and a group of white men gave chase after the fugitive as they ran. After a pursuit of several blocks two detectives joined in and they, too, began to fire at the fleeing negro. Not one of the shots reached the mark, but the man gave up and was taken to a police station. The State is demoralized as a result of heavy rains. The creeks and rivers in the southern and western portions of the State are out of their banks. In around Louisville and Nashville and Henderson railroad tracks are under water so that trains cannot pass. Many trains have been annihilated. Constant rain in the Mohawk valley, New York, has raised the Mohawk river to flood stage and exceedingly high water prevails throughout the valley.

## WOMAN SLAIN AS SHE SLEEPS.

Mystery Surrounds Sudden Taking of Mrs. Mary Anderson.

Mary Anderson, wife of Henry Anderson, a rich retired furmer of Cambridge, Ill., was shot dead while in bed with her husband and a 9-month-old child the other morning. Although circumstances point to her as a guilty, other phases lead the authorities to believe that some other cause may be responsible. The husband, crazed by the killing, is too irrational to give a correct story. A negro who said his name was Will Jackson was arrested on suspicion at Galva. He tells a seemingly straightforward story. Nevertheless, he is in jail. Anderson told the sheriff he was awakened at 2 o'clock by his wife shriek, "Oh, Henry!" Jumping out of bed he ran downstairs in pursuit of a flying figure which disappeared when the kitchen was searched. Later Anderson told Coroner's Physician Westland that he had seen two men. A small-pocketbook containing \$175 bills is said by Anderson to be missing. In plain sight on the dressing case lay an open jewel box containing a gold watch and jewels to the value of several hundred dollars.

## RUSS PREFECT OF POLICE SLAIN.

Gen. Von Der Lanitz Shot to Death by Young Member of Parliament.

Major Gen. von der Lanitz, prefect of police of St. Petersburg, was shot and killed by a young man at the Institute of Experimental Medicine the other afternoon. Von der Lanitz, at the invitation of Prince David Albrecht-Ptolemy, Duke of Oldenburg, brother-in-law of the Empress, was attending the consecration of the Institute chapel. During the service and while混杂 with several high officials the prefect of police was approached from behind by a young man who drew a revolver and shot him in the back of the head. No one was injured. Anderson's team turned into his driveway, pulled his wagon to the open door and the man was found dead in the coffin.

## CLEVELAND NATURAL GAS OFF.

Trouble Caused by the Explosion of a Big Main Near Akron, O.

As a result of the explosion of an 18-inch main, carrying natural gas from West Virginia to Cleveland near Akron, the former city was entirely cut off from its natural gas supply. Thousands of residences and business places were suddenly deprived of fuel and light, causing much suffering. Manufacturing plants depending on natural gas for fuel were immediately closed down. Three lengths of the big pipe, submerged under water, about thirty-five miles southwest of Cleveland, exploded with terrific force. Mud and water were thrown sixty feet in the air, the concussion breaking windows in near-by houses. No one was injured.

## THICK SMOKE, TRAIN WRECKED.

Portland Express Purchased, Immo-  
bile in Steel Canyon.

The northbound Portland express, the first fast passenger train on the Southern Pacific railroad between San Francisco and Portland, was wrecked two miles north of Canstock, Ore., Engineer Weichard was killed and Fireman Long was missing. The passengers were unharmed. The accident occurred on a recently laid track which had been undermined by the torrential rains of the last few days. The track has sunk behind the rain-soaked earth and cannot be moved in either direction, and it is now perched on a shelf on the steep grade of the canyon.

## Dam-Breaks; Homes Gone.

The dam of the big artificial lake at Parlin, four miles south of Madisonville, Ky., broke. Much property was destroyed, among which were many residences that had been described by the occupants when it was learned that the dam was about to give way. The lake was a body of water covering about 100 acres. The water was turned into a rich farming country, causing great loss.

## Ohio Liquor Law to Stand.

The validity of the Akron law, which raised liquor licenses from state to state, was sustained by the Superior Court in Cincinnati. On the facts of this case depended an extra session of the Legislature to act on scores of other new laws, as the main point of the opposition was that the bill was unconstitutional.

## First Message of Hughes.

Gov. Hughes in his message to the New York Legislature espoused the cause of William R. Hearst by recommending that provision be made for a recount of the ballots cast at the last mayoralty election in New York City. Railroad contract strict laws to govern political parties and other important reforms were recommended by the Governor.

## Cinematograph Turns Turtle.

At least thirty persons were injured, one of whom has since died, in the wreck of a runaway electric car on the Warsaw avenue hall in Cincinnati. The motorist lost control of the car, which ran for five blocks before it struck a telegraph pole and turned turtle. The passengers were thrown in a heap in the mud.

## McRen Hende Railroad.

James McCrea of Pittsburgh, first vice president of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by the directors of the latter corporation, to succeed the late A. J. Cassatt.

## Girl Alive in a Street.

Mary Wigton, 12 years old, Newark, N. J., was burned from head to foot and was taken to the hospital, where she is likely to die. It is said a boy lighted a match and threw it on her dress as she was passing on the street.

## Fined Under "Blue Laws."

Boston's classic ban on the use of the law, judges have decided, discharging persons arrested for baking beans on Sunday, but fining others who were accused of violating the old "blue laws." It is alleged that the money was used for political purposes.

## Bank President's Wounds Fatal.

Arthur F. Davis, Mayor of Fayette, Mo., and president of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of that city, who accidentally shot himself while looking for burglars in his residence, died of the wound.

## Pacific Mail Steamer Wrecked.

A dispatch from Pescadero says that the Pacific Mail steamship City of Panama, which left San Francisco on Dec. 31 for South America, has been wrecked near Pescadero. The ship had a passenger list of seventy and a crew of thirty or more.

## FADED BY BIG ISSUES.

### STATE LEGISLATURES ALL HAVE LONG CALENDARS.

Railroad, Insurance, Primary Elec-  
tion and Other Things—Lower  
Forces Take Lead While Car Shortage  
and Pass Abuses Come Next.

A mighty din from legislative forces is about to begin to echo throughout the West as the general assemblies convene and lawmakers take up the sledges to hammer out reform enactments. Few States are without live issues of a varied and sweeping character, and the year 1907 promises to be prolific in new laws more or less drastic.

Railroad reforms stand foremost among the questions that confront the legislators. The movement in favor of more right restriction is general in its scope, and the evils will bring with the beating out of statutes that range from anti-pass measures to acts establishing a chief issue, the latter forming the chief issue in at least eight Western States.

Corporations in general are in for treatment more or less severe, legislation being on for new banking laws that will protect depositors more adequately. New insurance laws that will bring fire and life companies more directly under the supervision of State commissions, and for new taxation schemes that will provide for greater revenues from public utility concerns.

Changes in the political system also are up for action in several communities, four of which have pledged to follow the lead of Illinois and Wisconsin in the enactment of a law that will give direct primaries and that will give the electors a chance to seat party bosses and stiffen rules by taking into their own hands the matter of picking party candidates.

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## WEALTH OF COUNTRY

ESTIMATED TOTAL OF THE NATION IS \$118,742,306,775.

America's Richest People—Last Few Years Bring Phenomenal Advances, Surpassing Other Periods—Amount per Capita \$1,400.

The census officials discovered that the total wealth of the people of the United States on the 30th of June, 1900, was \$88,517,300,775, an average of \$1,414.75 for every man, woman and child in this great and glorious republic.

During the last six years the people of this country have enjoyed unprecedented prosperity. The growth of population, the increase of wealth and development of our national commerce and industries have been more rapid than for any previous period. We have gained more in six years than we have previously gained in any ten years. The totals at the bottom of every column of statistics are rolling up in a marvelous manner. The country is so big that it takes a long time to find out what we are doing, but our statistics are published more promptly and are more complete than those of any other nation, unless it be Sweden. We are far ahead of France and Germany. Their statistics are usually several years behind the times. England does better. Her statisticians keep up pretty close to date, but are not so prompt in their publications as those of the United States.

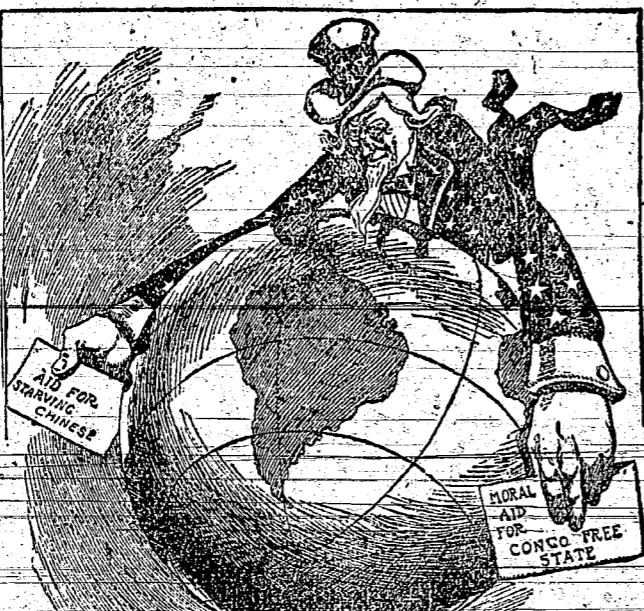
The returns for 1904 have been compiled and show that on June 30 of that year the total wealth of our people was \$107,104,211,917, an increase of \$18,592,905,142 in four years.

During those four years the population of the country increased from 75,993,575 to 81,230,000, or at the rate of 1,315,336 souls per year.

There is every reason to believe that our increase in wealth has been even more rapid since the 30th of June, 1903, than it was the four years previous to that date, and at the same rate of gain the increase during the six years and six months from June 30, 1900, to Dec. 31, 1903, ought to be not less than \$30,225,000,000. That would make the total wealth of this country to-day \$118,742,306,775.

"This, since the beginning of the cen-

## A LONG REACH.



—Chicago Journal.

## GIVES CAUSE OF CAR SHORTAGE.

Lane Thinks Bonds Accepted Most Profitable Train.

In a report submitted to President Roosevelt by the Interstate Commerce Commissioner, K. N. Lane defined the cause of the car shortage in the Northwest and the resulting coal famine in North Dakota.

"It is a fair inference," the report says, "from all the testimony that the real cause of the coal scarcity in North Dakota was such an abundance of westbound traffic at the head of the lakes that cars were not available in the connected State of that terminal for the carrying of coal to North Dakota—a comparatively short haul for a low-class commodity."

In his letter of transmission to the President, Mr. Lane says that the report will be followed in due course by the special recommendations of the commission as a whole to whatever legislation, if any, may be deemed advisable.

Referring to the report that the coal shortage was due to the presence of a

## MANY RADICAL MESSAGES.

Governors Urge a Vigorous War on Trusts and Graft.

Four remarkable messages sent to legislatures by the governors of Western States announced the beginning of a fight for reform

in the West on an unprecedented scale, writes a

Chicago correspondent.

Laws radical, some of them

perhaps revolutionary, in character, are urged. In Mis-

Gov. Folk.

Colorado and Nebraska, the legis-

lators were stirred by vigorous ap-

peals for laws to end ring rule,

throttle trusts and make the people at the polls supreme. Railroad rate laws,

ministry legislation, antipollution mea-

sures, municipal ownership, child labor

laws, low-tariffs and anti-trust and anti-

trustbusting measures were some of the

topics touched upon.

Gov. Folk of Missouri asks that pro-

fessional lobbyists be sent to jail, that

corporations which do not obey them

should be put out of existence that rail-

roads, insurance companies, tele-

graphers and political parties be gov-

erned by right laws. He favors direct

nomination of United States Senators

at the polls and action by the Legisla-

ture to help along the movement for

the constitutional amendment to pro-

vide for direct election of Senators and

for the initiative and referendum. The

reforms he recommends are many and

radical.

In Michigan Gov. Warner urged se-

vere regulation of railroad and other

corporations, measures to end stock

jobbing, elimination of professional

lobbyists, lower railroad rates, State

control of private banks and a new

rate road law.

Gov. Sheldon of Nebraska demanded

that "conspirators"

against the "com-

mon good" be pros-

ecuted and sup-

pressed. He advocated

strict laws against

lobbying, a

primary law, legis-

lation that will end

ring rule in Ne-

braska, regulation

of railroads by

means of a State

commission, a fed-

lower railroad

rates. He favored

ratification of the

anti-trust legislation, a State law to

regulate banks and laws for the con-

trol of insurance companies by means

of a State department. He urged the

legislators to use caution in drafting

reform legislation, that industry be

done to no one, but that the people be

protected.

Gov. Hughes in his message to the

New York legislature espoused the

cause of William R. Hearst by recom-

ending that provision be made for a

recount of the ballots cast at the last

mayorality election in New York City.

Railroad control, strict laws to govern

political parties and other important

reforms are recommended by the Gov-

ernor.

**DEARTH OF MEN FOR THE ARMY.**

Government Making Extraordinary

Efforts to Enlist Recruits.

Not in recent years except in war times has the army been so badly in need of men as at present. A recent circular addressed to all officers of the recruiting service, made public at the War Department, calls attention to the fact that recruits are needed in large numbers for the combat artillery, the field artillery, the white infantry and the white cavalry. Recruiting officers are enjoined to redouble their efforts to secure recruits qualified for the military service.

Officers on duty at the War Depart-

ment admit that the situation is one call-

ing for the most extraordinary efforts

to get more men, not only to fill the vacan-

cies that now exist, but also those which

the three-year men who enlisted in 1904

have now filled.

Particular emphasis is given in the circ-

ular to the necessity for developing to the

utmost recruiting in the large cities, and

recruiting officers have been asked if more

officers should be sent them to assist in

the work.

It is declared at the War Department

that the present prosperity and the labor

shortage of the country are more or less re-

sponsible for the inability to get new men

and it also was stated on account of the

lack of the canteen a great many men

were refusing to re-enlist.

**Twins Are Killed by Train.**

Henry and William Munger, twins,

aged 31, were run down and killed by a

Grand Trunk passenger train between

Scholarcraft and Vicksburg. They were

on their way home with Christmas pres-

ents for their mother, who may die from

the shock.

**WEALTH OF COUNTRY**

—Chicago Journal.

## A LONG REACH.

## Michigan State News

### DRIVEN OUT BY FIRE.

**Family of John Erickson, in Muskegon, Narrowly Escapes Death.**

John Erickson, keeper of the Muskegon light, lost his house the other morning, and nearly lost his family as well. He arose at 5:45 a.m. and lighted the fires, and then went out to the end of the pier to extinguish the light. While out there he looked back and saw his house in flames. His wife and small son and daughter were sleeping in an upstairs room and were awakened by the smoke just in time to escape in their night clothes. As the temperature was almost zero, they suffered by reason of their exposure. The house was totally destroyed, and that of Richard Beaumont, nearby, was seriously damaged by fire.

**KILLS BROTHER IN Quarrel.**

**Slayer Invades Brother's Home at Midnight and Tramples Him.**

Albert Conklin, a stone-mason, was shot and killed the other night in his home in Lansing by his brother, Melvin Conklin. They had quarreled over property matters. Melvin Conklin came to Albert's house at midnight, called his brother to the door, and wounded him with a charge from a shotgun. He then pursued him into his bedroom and fired another charge into Albert's abdomen, killing him instantly. Mrs. Elbert Conklin ran from the house in terror and Melvin fired one shot at her, slightly wounding the woman in the arm. Melvin is under arrest and appears to be insane or temporarily insane.

**PROBE RIOT FOR RUSSIA.**

**Officials Investigate Changes that Shriveled Mistreated Soldiers.**

In response to a request of the Russian ambassador at Washington, Attorney General Burroughs investigated charges that unnecessarily drastic measures were taken in Otonagon county to suppress a riot of striking Finnish miners on July 31 when two miners were killed. A criticism which the Attorney General believes was justified was that the sheriff imposed a

justified but harsh punishment upon

the miners.

**FINDS BURIED TREASURE.**

**Man Near Omena Unearths Box of Gold and Greenbacks.**

Buried treasure to the amount not yet

determined is said to have been unearthed on the farm of Julius Jutson, west

of Omena, near Sutton's bay. French

gold and old United States greenbacks

are said to have filled an iron-bound box,

which is not an adept of figures,

including \$15,000 and was not then half

through. The find opened much

speculation in the Grand Traverse region.

The farm is located in an old Indian

camp, associated with \$100,000,000.

**DECAPITATED BY TRAIN.**

**Kellogg's Man's Body Identified by Lunch.**

Joseph Whittemore, aged 51, was decapitated by a train while on his way to work in Kalamazoo. His neck was severed and as nearly as possible struck an ax. No one saw the accident. The body was found by the track of the Michigan Central light an hour after starting to work. By the lunch which he had prepared for him, it was evident to many that he was evidently to ten men human in showing him that he too, like the animals, was composed of dust.

But the animal was evolved from</

# Buy the Harrison Wagon.

## The Best on Wheels.

### For Sale and fully warranted by O. Palmer.

WHEN NO. 270  
RAN AWAY

TALE OF A  
BIG CATCH

"The 270 was sure the village cutup of those class B engines," said the fat engineer. "That was back in the days of the Jimmy coal cars 'n' handtrucks. I was runnin' extra at the time, not havin' been assigned to a regular engine yet. Hen Morris, an easy goin' fellow, was the regular man on the 270, 'n' I always contended that he was too easy with her. Engines are just like horses, you've got to jet 'em know who's master."

"One night Hen Morris was taken sick 'n' I was called to take his run out. 'n' we were hardly started through the freight yards before she started up her tactics with me. I just talked to her like a Dutch-uncle."

"Now, look here, you old scallywag, I says, 'you're dead' with no spring chicken this trip. You just get down to business or I'll pound the life out of you."

"An' suttin' the action to the word, I dropped her down in the corner 'n' put it to her for all I was worth. However, she didn't do any extra work 'n' lagged 'n' hung back all the way."

"Well, I says to myself, 'when we get goin' down Pine Hill I'll just keep the throttle open awhile 'n' make her go.'

The weight of this train behind us will make her perk up a bit."

"Accordingly, when we went over the pitch at the top of Pine Hill I just left her wide open 'n' kept the steam on full head till we were flyin' down to Cooper's Crossin'. Then I thought I'd better shut off, as the 270 would get a pretty lively clir down the hill now 'n' I had no hankerin' for goin' down the bank own' to exceedin' the speed limit on the grade."

"So I shoved the throttle-in-to-shut off the steam. Imagine how I felt when the 270 kept right on exhaustin' just as if the speed was all to her likin'."

"Somethin' had gone wrong in her steampipe somewhere inside 'n' the valve didn't shut her off. So the 270 had taken the bit in her teeth 'n' was goin' to see how I liked ridin' fast."

"Here was a pretty predicament."

"My engine goin' down Pine Hill under a full head of steam with a heavy freight train behind her, I wouldn't have been so bad if I had not known that Ras Cole was only about five minutes ahead of me with a train of coal jimmies."

"I attempted to put the reverse lever in the back motion, but the steam was on such a full head that I couldn't budge the thing. Then I gave the high sign on my whistle several times to let Ras Cole know I was comin' down the hill out of control 'n' it would be wise for him to shute a leg or he'd get splattered."

"In an almost incredible time, we swung around by the Gate station 'n' what I saw ahead made me will like a fat man's collar on a hot day. Not more than a quarter of a mile ahead of us was Ras Cole's train. Maybe that little caboose of his didn't look as big as a summer boardin' house."

"Ras had heard my warnin' whistle 'n' was doin' his best. He was gainin' in headway, but he wasn't in our class. I could figure out that we would just about meet up with his caboose around the ten degree curve below the Gate."

"Ras' train was now goin' at a terrific speed, too, 'n' it was a question whether either train would keep the rails goin' 'roun' the sharp curve. I could almost reach the tail lights on that caboose ahead. In a second I thought we would be into them 'n' I would be rollin' down the embankment amidst the wreckage of twisted iron, coal 'n' miscellaneous freight."

"Then came an awful crash 'n' I thought I could feel my engine goin' down the bank. But my engine kep' goin' 'n' I could tell by the lurchin' that she was takin' the curve all right 'n' true."

"I opened my eyes. The red lights of the caboose had disappeared. In the distance now me I could hear a crashin', rollin' sound 'n' see dark shapes tumblin' down."

"I realized what had happened. The excessive speed at which the train ahead had taken the curve caused the last 15 or 20 coal jimmies to jump the track clean, takin' the caboose with them, just like a string of boys playin' snap and whip. Thus when we straightened out on the curve, Ras' train was now goin' at a terrific speed, too, 'n' it was a question whether either train would keep the rails goin' 'roun' the sharp curve."

"The train was movin' at equal speed with me, now 'n' would probably keep the 16 cars distance between us. Under her full head of steam my engine was losin' head 'n' boundin' over the rails, 'n' when she settled back from an extra severe jolt she stopped exhaustin'."

"The terrible jar had shaken the valve back on its seat again 'n' shut off the flow of steam. My heart resumed its normal beatin' as we were most down the hill now, 'n' I soon had her under control."

"They pulled 270 in the shops after that run, 'n' she never came out again leastwise unless they changed her number."

**The Monkey Dinner Set.**

"Madam," said the physician sadly, "it is useless to dissemble longer. Your little son will grow up a hopeless idiot."

"Oh, well," said the fair young mother, "no one will ever know. And she smiled easily."

For she was a yan Trillen, and the afflicted boy was destined to occupy a time commanding place in the social life of New York and New

#### RECORDING THE GREAT EVENT.

Wedding Books a Great Source of Interest and Pleasure.

They were telling fish stories and several accounts of remarkable catches had been given, when Capt. Kenny of the auxiliary sloop Jennie R. spoke up.

The Jennie R. is a stanch little vessel that takes out fishing parties and these parties are mostly made up of devoted fisherman who know what kind of fish are running at various seasons and what sort of tackle to bring along with them. But once in a while a freak fisherman with freak tackle turns up at the pier and goes along, too.

"Talking about big catches," said Capt. Kenny, when he spoke up, "the biggest catch I ever saw made on a single line was 57 ling and a skate. It was on a Thanksgiving day, two or three years ago."

"We started out about eight o'clock in the morning with some 60 fishermen aboard, most of whom had been with me often and knew how to catch fish. It was but little past low water and in going out we struck the bar."

"While we were getting off the vessel, a commotion on the boat, and a skillful put off with a man in it who was waving his hands excitedly and shouting for me to wait. He got aboard, all right, for it took us 15 minutes or so to get across the bar."

"While we were going down to the bell buoy, the fisherman overhauled their tackle and baited up. The stranger who had come out in the skiff also got out his tackle. You should have seen it."

"With a fathom of chain for a lead, it would have been just the thing to catch sharks with. The line was a small hawser, and the hook would have anchored the sloop in a blow."

"Well, we came to down by the bell buoy, and before the boat had turned out on her chain with the tide the fisherman were pullin' in lines. The bay was alive with them."

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"The train was movin' at equal speed with me, now 'n' would probably keep the 16 cars distance between us. Under her full head of steam my engine was losin' head 'n' boundin' over the rails, 'n' when she settled back from an extra severe jolt she stopped exhaustin'."

"The terrible jar had shaken the valve back on its seat again 'n' shut off the flow of steam. My heart resumed its normal beatin' as we were most down the hill now, 'n' I soon had her under control."

"They pulled 270 in the shops after that run, 'n' she never came out again leastwise unless they changed her number."

**The Monkey Dinner Set.**

"I have been a botanist for 54 years," said the scientist. "When I was a boy I believed implicitly in God. I prayed to him, having a vision of him—a person—before my eyes. As I grew older I concluded that there was no God. I dismissed him from the universe. I believed only in what I could see, or hear, or feel. I talked about Nature and reality."

"He paused, the smile still lighting his face, evidently recalling to himself the old days. I did not interrupt him. Finally he turned to me and said abruptly:

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"Madam," said the physician sadly, "it is useless to dissemble longer. Your little son will grow up a hopeless idiot."

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Land Office at Marquette, Mich.

December 13, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that John F. Floeter, of South Branch Township, Michigan, has filed notice of his intention to make final five years proof in support of his claim, viz.: Homestead Entry No. 9,825, made June 8, 1906; or the N 1/4 of SW 1/4 and N 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 20, Township 25, North of Range 1 West, and that said proof will be made before County Clerk, at Grayling, Michigan, on January 31, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz.: Wilson Hickory, Hubbard Head, Joseph Royce and Joseph Scott, all of Kus- common, Mich.

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